

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 through 16 canceled.

17. (currently amended) A conveyor apparatus for transporting objects having a plurality of continuously circulating guided conveyor lines each of which has respective drivers arranged at intervals from each other wherein ~~the~~ each conveyor line is constructed of continuously circulating individual chains and wherein the individual chains can be adjusted relative to each other so that the intervals between the drivers of different individual chains may be adjusted simultaneously and wherein each individual chain is guided over a sprocketed wheel ~~having a flank with the sprocketed wheels being mounted adjacent to each other and pressed together on a shaft in a cluster so that the cluster of sprocketed wheels are frictionally connected with each other and~~ and a coupling mechanism to selectively couple said sprocketed wheels so that when coupled said sprocketed wheels rotate together said sprocketed wheels being connected fixedly and non-rotationally to the shaft so that in an uncoupled state each individual sprocketed wheel can rotate relative to the others and to the shaft.

18. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said drivers are held on each conveyor live so that they can be adjusted in the direction of transport.

19. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 17 wherein each driver has driver strips which extend across all of the conveyor lines transversely to the direction of transport.

20. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 17 wherein the same number of drivers are arranged on each conveyor.

Claim 21 (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim ~~24~~ 17 wherein each ~~guide~~ sprocketed wheel is adjusted continuously relative to another guide wheel.

23. (currently amended) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim ~~24~~ wherein each said ~~adjusting roller~~ sprocketed wheel is a driving device.

24. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 17 wherein the chains are made at least partially of plastic.

25. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 17 wherein each chain consists of links that can be locked together with each having a pin section with two cylindrical pins and a forked receptacle section with holes to receive the pins.

26. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 17 wherein each chain link has straight top edges or flat top sides so that flat positioning surfaces are formed for objects which are to be transported.

27. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 25 wherein each driver has strips that extend across all of the conveyor lines and said driver strips are made in a single piece with a selected one of said chain links.

28. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with Claim 25 wherein each chain link has a meshing projection that intermeshes with a guide wheel or drive wheel.

29. (previously presented) A conveyor apparatus in accordance with claim 25 wherein each chain link has straight top edges or flat sides so that the flat positioning surfaces are formed for objects which are to be transported.